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1. On 19 February, 20 guns of about 120 to 140 mm, 20 prime-movers, 15 trucks, 2 field kitchens and about 250 troops were loaded onto an undetermined number of flatcars and 9 boxcars at the Potsdam freight station.

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  The shipment left toward Wildpark.   After 17 February, the southern section of the Darius Kaserne (2289) was again lighted 70 to 80 percent while, prior to 17 February, this section was lighted only about 20 percent. Fresh imprints of tracks led to the barracks installation from the direction of Wildpark on 17 February. Four trucks

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  left the installation.   After 17 February, the northern section of the Darius Kaserne (2289) was about 40 to 50 percent lighted at nightfall. Fresh imprints of tracks also led to the installation from the direction of Wildpark.

2. On 15 February, the Kriegs Schule (2288) was occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia. Between 3 and 15 February, about 60 soldiers practiced marching in the barracks yard and about 25 troops trained with 3 x 120-mm mortars on Bornstedter Feld. Trucks   were parked near the mortars. On 4 and 5 February, 2 x 37-mm AA guns stood in front of the halls and, along the wall and fence, about 30 mortars and about 40 trucks were parked.

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3. On 15 February, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287) was occupied. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 5 February, about 50 soldiers drilled at group level in the barracks area. Forty other soldiers trained with two tanks and about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia left the installation toward Bornstedter Feld.

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4. On 15 February, the Hohenlohe Kaserne (2291) was about 40 percent lighted at dusk. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. No training activity was noticed in the barracks yard.

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5. After the Ludendorff Kaserne (2292) was vacated on 10 February, it was again about 50 to 50 percent lighted at dusk after 13 February. Sentries wore red-bordered black

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epaulets with motor transport insignia. No training activity was noticed.

6. On 16 February, the Hohenlohe Kaserne (2291) quartered about 400 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. No training activity was noticed. On 13 February, 3 trucks [redacted] were parked in the barracks yard. 25X1

7. On 16 February, the Kavallerie Schule (2261) in Kramnitz was occupied by about 6,000 to 7,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. On 12 February, no training activity was noticed in the barracks area. Outside the barracks area in the training area north of the installation, about 1,000 troops engaged in training. Several groups of soldiers were seen east of Fahrland. [redacted]

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[redacted] On 13 February, no training activity was noticed in the barracks area. About 80 soldiers departed through the eastern gate toward Bullenwinkel.<sup>3</sup>

8. On 12 February, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2297) was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and motor transport insignia. About 90 soldiers engaged in radio training in the installation, and about 40 soldiers left the installation toward Bornstedter Feld. on 9 and 12 February. [redacted]

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9. On 12 February, the Kriegs Schule (2288) was occupied by about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery or motor transport insignia. On 9 February, about 30 to 40 mortars and about 40 trucks were parked in the yard.

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[redacted] On 12 February, about 25 soldiers trained in the barracks yard. About 40 other soldiers with spades entered the installation from Bornstedter Feld and about 120 soldiers received training in the terrain on Bornstedter Feld.

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10. On 13 February, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287) was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank or motor transport insignia. On 10 February, about 30 soldiers trained with gas protective equipment, and on 11 February, 25 soldiers constructed wooden sheds. Two canvas-covered tanks were parked in two of the bays already completed. [redacted]

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11. On 13 February, the Kriegs Schule (2288) was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery or motor transport insignia. About 4 x 120-mm mortars were seen in the barracks area. On 10 February, about 20 soldiers cleaned mortars. On 12 February, about 40 soldiers entered the installation from the direction of Bornim. No vehicular traffic was noticed.<sup>2</sup>

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12. On 10 February, the Ludendorff Kaserne (2292) quartered about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and some soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed.

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13. On 10 February, the Hohenlohe Kaserne (2291) quartered about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. No training activity was noticed.

14. On 10 February, the Polizei Kaserne (2285) was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. No training activity was noticed.

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15. On 10 February, the southern section of the Leibgarde Husaren Kaserne (2282) quartered about 500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and some red-bordered black epaulets.

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16. On 13 February, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz (2261) was occupied. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. On 10 February, 6 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns and each carrying 12 soldiers left the installation. On 11 February, a column of 7 armored personnel carriers left their quarters toward Kartow.

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17. On 13 February, heavy guns were loaded at the Potsdam freight station. On 16 February, 3 freight cars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars with about 10 x 122-mm field guns, about 10 prime movers, 2 field kitchens and several trucks were seen passing Werder railroad station en route toward Werder.

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2. Comment. the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div can be held in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne and the 229th Gds Mort Regt and 359th Gds AAA Regt of the division in the Kriegs Schule.

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3. Comment. Compared with previous information, report indicates no changes in the occupation of these barracks installations.

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